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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mayor Richard J. Riordan
200 N. Spring Street
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Dick:

First of all, congratulations on your wonderful victory in the mayoral race.

I haven't wanted to bother you on this subject before, but I thought I would make brief mention of it here. There is a large, jovial, dedicated black man in Los Angeles by the name of Big Willey Robinson, whose organization is called the National and International Brotherhood of Street Racers. For many years he has been very helpful in trying to reduce crime and gang warfare by sponsoring car drag racing in the San Fernando Valley. For the last several years he has been struggling to run a car drag program at the Terminal Island facility.

I think he is absolutely dedicated to trying to reduce street crime, gang warfare, and homicides by holding car drag races where the youth can spend their energies racing each other in cars, rather than using knives and guns.

I have spoken with him several times recently and apparently next week the Harbor Commissioner takes up the question of whether to extend a lease so he can formally develop a drag race program at Terminal Island.

I am sure some of your people know all about him. The purpose of this letter is simply to wholeheartedly endorse Willey as a person, and his program.

I hope our paths will cross sometime soon. Continued success.

Best,

